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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH DUTCH ON TERRORISM

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1. SUMMARY: DURING MARCH 1 CONSULTATIONS IN THE HAGUE OF SPECIAL ASSISTANT FEAREY, DUTCH DESCRIBED IN SOME DETAIL ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, TRAINING TECHNIQUES AND POLICY ORIENTATION OF GON'S ANTI-TERRORISM EFFORTS WHICH WHILE STILL EVOLVING HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED, PERHAPS MORE THAN IN ANY OTHER COUNTRY, FROM A VARIETY OF ACTUAL EXPERIENCES. FEAREY MET WITH FOREIGN, JUSTICE AND INTERIOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS, ALL OF WHOM WERE OPEN AND FRANK IN THEIR COMMENTS AND WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE IDEAS. EMBASSY BELIEVES CONSULTATIONS OF THIS SORT ARE IMPORTANT, BOTH FROM INFORMATIONAL POINT OF VIEW AND FOR MAINTAINING FULL RANGE OF CONTACTS WITH DUTCH GOVERNMENT. FOLLOWING IS RESUME OF DUTCH PRESENTATION. END SUMMARY

2. ORGANIZATION: SINCE TERRORISM IS BASICALLY VIEWED AS CRIMINAL ACTION, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE IS GIVEN GENERAL COORDINATION ROLE WHEN DUTCH ARE FACED WITH A HOSTAGE SITUATION. DUTCH HAVE ADOPTED CERTAIN GUIDELINES AND CHECKLISTS, BUT AS EACH CASE IS DIFFERENT, THEY HAVE TRIED PROVIDE ROOM FOR NEEDED FLEXIBILITY SO AS NOT TO TIE HANDS OF OPERATIONAL OFFICIALS. WHEN FACED WITH A TERRORIST ATTACK, THREE TEAMS ARE ACTIVATED IMMEDIATELY:

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A. AS CLOSE TO SCENE OF ACTION AS POSSIBLE, A POLICY TEAM

COMPRISED OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, QUEEN'S COMMISSIONER, MAYOR AND LOCAL POLICE CHIEF IS ORGANIZED;
B. TEAM OF 3-4 PSYCHIARISTS BROUGHT IN TO GIVE ADVICE; AND
C. IN THE HAGUE A GOVERNMENT POLICY TEAM UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF JUSTICE MINISTER IS SET UP. PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER AND INTERIOR MINISTER SERVE AS PART OF THIS TEAM, WHICH ALSO MAY BE AUGMENTED BY OTHERS TO MEET CIRCUMSTANCES. SECURITY FORCE IS BASED ON LOCAL AND NATIONAL POLICE FORCES, AUGMENTED AS NECESSARY BY SPECIALLY TRAINED MARINES (160-MAN UNIT), MILITARY POLICE AND SHARPSHOOTERS UNDER SINGLE COMMAND. PERSONNEL CAREFULLY SELECTED FOR SERVICE IN THESE UNITS WITH EMPHASIS PLACED ON PSYCHOLOGICAL SUITABILITY.

3. LESSONS LEARNED FROM MOLUCCAN SEIZURES: BE PREPARED HANDLE MORE THAN ONE INCIDENT SIMULTANEOUSLY (GON WAS NOT). CONTROL YOUR COMMUNICATIONS BY USE OF SCRAMBLING DEVICES (GOVERNMENT FOUND A TELEPHONE TAP ON A LINE IT WAS USING AT BEILEN). VARY SCHEDULE FOR ALL CONTACTS WITH TERRORISTS (SENDING IN FOOD OR MESSAGES). DON'T HAVE DIRECT CONTACTS WITH TERRORISTS, USE INTERMEDIARIES WITHOUT AUTHORITY (PROVIDES GOVERNMENT WITH TIME TO CONSIDER BEFORE RESPONDING). KEEP NOISE LEVEL IN SURROUNDING AREA AS NORMAL AS POSSIBLE (ELIMINATING OUTSIDE NOISE HAMPERS POLICE MOVEMENTS IN AREA OF SEIZED PREMISES). TAKE VERY GOOD CARE OF YOUR OWN PERSONNEL (FOOD, DRINK, SHELTER AND RELIEF). LATTER POINT ALSO APPLIES TO HIGH OFFICIALS. AFTER FIRST DAY GET ON REGULAR EIGHT-HOUR ROTATION. TRAINING AND DISCIPLINE OF PERSONNEL ARE ESSENTIAL. DUTCH PLANS FOR ATTACKING TRAIN INVOLVED COORDINATED ACTION BY BOTH SHARPSHOOTERS AND MARINES. SHARPSHOOTERS WERE AVAILABLE AROUND THE CLOCK AND MARINES ALERTED FOR POSSIBLE ATTACK 23 SEPARATE TIMES DURING BEILEN AFFAIR.

4. PROBLEMS FOR WHICH GON HAS NO ANSWERS:
PRESS: HOW TO BE RESPONSIVE, BUT RESTRICT FLOW OF INFORMATION WHICH COULD DAMAGE EFFORTS TO FREE HOSTAGES. MINISTER OF JUSTICE PLANS TAKE UP PROBLEM WITH PRESS REPRESENTATIVES, BUT NOT MUCH IS EXPECTED TO RESULT. GON AWARE OF NEED TO PROVIDE FACILITIES TO ENABLE PRESS DO ITS JOB, BUT OFFICIALS EXPRESSED EXASPERATION AT PRESS AGGRESSIVENESS.

DRUGS: DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE FONTEIJN SAID HE UNDER-CONFIDENTIAL

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STOOD THERE WAS A DRUG AVAILABLE WHICH HAD NO NOTICEABLE SIDE EFFECTS BUT MADE PERSON HIGHLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO SUGGESTION. WHILE THERE HAS BEEN MUCH TALK IN POLICE CIRCLES OF USE OF DRUGS, IT WAS STILL CONSIDERED TOO RISKY TO ATTEMPT. ONE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO WAS DETAILED TO IRELAND DURING HERREMA AFFAIR SAID IRISH HAD CONSIDERED USING TRANQUILIZERS AGAINST GALLAGHER AND COYLE, BUT IN THE END HAD NOT.

JAMMING COMMUNICATIONS: HOW CAN YOU JAM A SINGLE RADIO OR TV RECEIVER IN CONTROL OF TERRORISTS WITHOUT INTERFERING WITH YOUR OWN OR COMMUNITY'S COMMUNICATIONS? FONTEIJN THOUGHT NATO COUNTRIES OUGHT TO BE ABLE COME UP WITH TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT THAT WOULD SOLVE THIS AND OTHER PROBLEMS.

5. IN RESPONSE TO FEAREY'S BRIEFING ON EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AGAINST TERRORISM, DUTCH SAID THAT THERE WAS ONGOING DISCUSSION IN EC-9 ON SUBJECT. CURRENT CONCERNS PARALLEL THOSE OF USG IN NOT WANTING INITIATE EFFORT WHICH WILL BE REJECTED BY THIRD WORLD OR AMENDED SO AS TO MAKE IT UNRECOGNIZABLE. EC-9 MAY DECIDE ISSUE COMMON STATEMENT RATHER THAN PUT FORWARD NEW DRAFT ANTI-TERRORIST PROPOSAL. GON STILL CONSIDERING RATIFICATION OF CONVENTION ON PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS.

6. DUTCH INTERNAL SECURITY SERVICE (BVD) OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT COOPERATION BETWEEN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES ON TERRORISM WAS EXCELLENT, BOTH WITH US AND MULTILATERALLY VIA "KILOWATT" NETWORK. OFFICIALS REMARKED THAT LEVEL OF COLLABORATION WAS SO OPEN AS TO BE "UNHEARD OF" BETWEEN INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS. DUTCH ARE CONVINCED THAT MOLUCCANS CAPTURED IN TRAIN AND THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR INDONESIAN CONSULATE GENERAL SEIZURES HAD ACTED ALONE, WITHOUT FOREKNOWLEDGE OF OTHERS IN COMMUNITY. OFFICIALS SURMISED THAT ANY WHO MIGHT BE CONVICTED OF MURDER WOULD RECEIVE 8-10 YEAR SENTENCES AND COULD BE RELEASED AFTER SERVING TWO-THIRDS OF TERM. MANY IN MOLUCCAN COMMUNITY VIEWED YOUNG TERRORISTS AS HEROES FOR HAVING TAKEN DIRECT ACTION, A VIEW THAT TERRORISTS HAD OF THEMSELVES.

7. OFFICIALS WERE CONCERNED THAT THERE MAY BE NEW MOLUCCAN (AND OTHER) TERRORIST INCIDENTS. INTERNATIONAL LINKS WHICH MAY BE FORGED BETWEEN MOLUCCANS AND OTHER TERRORIST GROUPS ARE CAUSE FOR WORRY. BVD HAS GOTTEN SUPPORT IT NEEDED FROM GOVERNMENT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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COPE WITH INCREASED INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL TERRORISM. STAFF OF 160 DEVOTED TO PROBLEM. BVD OFFICIALS COMMENTED THAT THEY HAD BEEN PLEASED WITH RESOLUTE STAND OF GOVERNMENT MINISTERS INVOLVED IN COMBATTING TERRORISM. DUTCH POLICY CLOSELY APPROXIMATES THAT OF US.
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